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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1733**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 7040.0023.01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Renato CARETTA et al.)
Application Serial No. 09/840,095) Group Art Unit: 1733
Filed: April 24, 2001) Examiner: Knable, G.
For: A METHOD FOR MAKING TIRES)
FOR VEHICLE WHEELS)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The items checked below are attached:

- Amendment After Final (38 pages);
- Notice of Appeal (2 pages);
- Petition for Extension of Time (three month) (1 page); and
- Check in the amount of \$1,280.00 (\$330.00—appeal fee and \$950.00—three-month extension fee).

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 17, 2004

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